

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of )  
Hisanao Maruyama, et al. ) Examiner: Rachel E. Beveridge  
Title: WELDED PORTION CONSTITUTION ) Art Unit: 1725  
AND WELDING METHOD ) Confirmation No.: 2410  
Serial No.: 10/786,262 )  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**AND**  
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated April 9, 2007. The time for response now extending to August 9, 2007, these amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action, together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2; and  
**REMARKS** begin on page 6.